

10-Day Land of the Bible Itinerary

DAY 1

Depart for Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)

DAY 2

Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

You will be greeted by our representative, meet your tour guide, and transfer to your hotel. Welcome greeting and reception upon your arrival at your hotel.

Overnight – Tel Aviv

DAY 3

JAFFA

Visit biblical Joppa, the ancient seaport from which the Prophet Jonah fled from God (*Jonah 1:17*) and the city where Peter stayed with Simon the Tanner and restored Tabitha to life (*Acts 9:36-43*).

CAESAREA

Explore the great Roman port city and one of the largest archaeological digs in Israel. This is where Peter baptized the Roman centurion, Cornelius, who became the first gentile convert to Christianity (*Acts 10*), and where Paul was tried by Festus (*Acts 25:6-12*). See the Roman Theater, Herod's Palace, the Palace of the Roman Procurator (*Acts 23:23; Acts 26:23 - Paul; Acts 10:20-48 - Peter & Cornelius*), and the Amphitheater.



MUKHRAKA

Travel through the Druze villages of Daliyat el Carmel and Usifiya to Mukhraka, the place on Mt. Carmel, where Elijah battled the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:25) for a view of the Jezreel Valley.

ACRE / AKKO

Visit one of the oldest cities in Israel – known as the Gateway to the Holy Land. The apostle Paul visited this city for a day when it was called Ptolemais (Acts 21:7). It is the former capital of the Crusader kingdom – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight – Akko or Tiberias

DAY 4

MAGDALA

Visit the hometown of Mary Magdalene and the site of a first-century synagogue, where Jesus most certainly would have taught (*Matthew 4:23*). Explore the excavated city of Magdala and worship in the beautiful Duc in Altum.

NOF GINOSAR

Stop by the Yigal Allon Museum where a 2,000-year-old boat from Jesus' time is on display.

SEA OF GALILEE

Sail across the Sea of Galilee in a replica of a first-century wooden boat. It is here Jesus walked on the waters and calmed the storm. This region around the Sea of Galilee is where Jesus lived most of his public life and performed His most glorious miracles.

MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

Pray on the hillside where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12).

CAPERNAUM

Explore the town where Jesus lived during His Galilean ministry (*Matthew 4:13; Mark 3:1*). Hometown to Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Matthew.

GOLAN HEIGHTS - PEACE VISTA (OPTIONAL - NOT FRIDAY)

Drive to the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee from the Peace Vista.

YARMOUK RIVER VALLEY (OPTIONAL - NOT FRIDAY)

Descend from the Peace Vista by way of Yarmouk River Valley.



YARDENIT

Visit the Jordan River baptismal site. We will have a baptismal service for anyone who wants to be baptized or re-baptized in the Jordan River.

TIBERIAS

Return to your hotel in Tiberias, located on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Overnight – Tiberias

DAY 5

NAZARETH VILLAGE

Explore Nazareth Village, a re-creation of Nazareth during the times of Jesus.

NAZARETH - MOUNT PRECIPICE

Visit the mountain from which the people of Nazareth wanted to throw Jesus to his death (Luke 4:28-30).

MEGIDDO

Discover a fascinating *tel* (hill), comprising 26 ancient civilizations superimposed on one another, overlooking the Valley of Jezreel also known as the Valley of Armageddon, otherwise known as Megiddo – the place where the last battle of mankind is due to take place (*Revelation 16:16*). Megiddo was also one of Solomon's fortified chariot cities (*1 Kings 9:15*).

BEIT SHE'AN

Be awed by one of the largest and most spectacular excavations in all of Israel. It was here that the bodies of King Saul and his sons were put on public display by the Philistines. This Roman city was known as Scythopolis during Jesus' time (Judges 7:4-8; 1 Samuel 31:10).

JORDAN RIVER VALLEY

Gradually descend through the Jordan River Valley from Beit She'an to the Dead Sea.

DEAD SEA

Check in to your hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth.

Overnight – Ein Bokek



DAY 6

DEAD SEA BEACH

Morning float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea.

MASADA

Ascend the mountain by cable car to view King Herod's magnificent desert fortress and the place of the last heroic Jewish stand against the Romans in 73 AD.

EN GEDI NATIONAL PARK

Explore the desert oasis where David hid from King Saul (1 Samuel 24).

QUMRAN

Visit the home of the first-century sect known as the Essenes, the authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

JERICHO ROAD (WADI KELT)

Travel from Jericho up to Jerusalem, an ascent of 4,000 feet over a distance of 13 miles. Pause to view the spectacular landscape.

MOUNT SCOPUS

Stop to look back and view the Judean wilderness and Dead Sea area – then cross the street and enjoy your first view of the city of Jerusalem.

Overnight – Jerusalem

DAY 7

MOUNT OF OLIVES

View the entire city of Jerusalem from this significant biblical site where Jesus has promised to return.

HOSANNA ROAD

Descend the mountain by foot on the same road that Jesus walked on Palm Sunday.

DOMINUS FLAVIT

Visit the church that commemorates the site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (*Luke 19:41*). Enjoy a breathtaking view of the city.



GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Visit the Church of All Nations and meet in the Garden where Jesus and His disciples would often come to pray and rest.

BEN YEHUDA STREET

Enjoy lunch and shopping on this street that is now a busy pedestrian mall.

ISRAEL MUSEUM

See the scale model of ancient Jerusalem.

BIBLE LANDS MUSEUM

Tour through the galleries and discover the wonders of the ancient cultures and their interrelationships.

YAD VASHEM

Travel to the National Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust, which includes: Valley of the Communities, Hall of Names, Children's Memorial, and the new Museum complex.

Overnight – Jerusalem

DAY8

SAINT PETER IN GALLICANTU

Drive to the ancient house of the High Priest Caiaphas and the church commemorating Peter's denial of Jesus three times.

THE UPPER ROOM

Stand in the same area where some believe the disciples gathered after the ascension of Jesus (*Mark 14:12-26; Acts 1:13*).

JEWISH QUARTER

Explore the rebuilt Jewish section of the city.

CARDO

Discover the Cardo, one of two main streets from the Roman-Byzantine times.

WESTERN WALL (KOTEL)

Pray at the Kotel, Judaism's most sacred site.



SOUTHERN WALL EXCAVATION - DAVIDSON CENTER

Enjoy the computerized virtual model of the Second Temple and the Southern Wall excavations.

TEMPLE STEPS

Walk on the actual steps Jesus and the people of His time ascended in order to enter the Temple as they chanted *The Psalms of Ascent*.

CITY OF DAVID

Tour the ongoing excavations in the ancient core of Jerusalem ruled by King David, including David's palace and a sophisticated ancient underground water system.

POOL OF SILOAM

Pause where Jesus cured a blind man with a mud mixture and told him to wash it from his eyes (John 9).

Overnight – Jerusalem

DAY 9

WESTERN WALL TUNNELS

Enter the Rabbinic Tunnels revealing the base of the Temple Mount and the street level during the time of Jesus.

POOLS OF BETHESDA

See where Jesus healed the lame man (John 5:1-24).

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

Sing together and enjoy the amazing acoustics in this Crusade-era church.

VIA DOLOROSA

Discover the Stations of the Cross leading to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

LITHOSTROTOS

View the pavement where Pilate condemned Jesus to death (John 19:13).



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

Explore the site considered by Catholics to be the location of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

OLD CITY MARKETPLACE

Peruse the many quaint shops of the Old City. Be prepared to negotiate.

GARDEN TOMB AND GORDON'S CALVARY

Visit the Garden Tomb, considered by Protestants to be the site of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Enjoy a memorable communion service to conclude the journey.

FAREWELL DINNER

Enjoy a farewell dinner in Jerusalem.

Overnight – Jerusalem

DAY 10

Depart Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) to return home.

